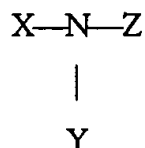


Abstract of the Disclosure

The invention relates to a method for ameliorating redness or inflammation of mammalian skin comprising topically applying a composition comprising an effective amount of a compound selected from an alkanolamine, tyrosine or mixtures thereof and a cosmetically acceptable carrier. The alkanolamine has the following general formula:



wherein X, Y and Z are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₃ alkyl group, C₂-C₄ alkanol group, wherein at least one of X, Y or Z is a C₂-C₄ alkanol group bearing at least one hydroxyl group and optionally at least one carboxyl group. In another embodiment, the invention relates to a method for ameliorating the irritating effects of a skin irritating composition comprising adding to said composition an effective amount of a compound.